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Please also note that the enclosed Japanese Patent Document No. 5-003772 is also discussed in Applicants' specification, for example, on page 2, lines 27-32 thereof.

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In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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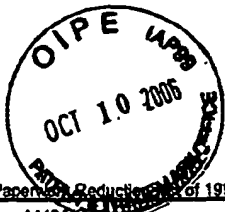
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